

REMARKS

Summary of the Official Action

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present Application. Claim 16 was previously cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment submitted when the application was originally filed. In addition, the title has been corrected to correspond to the title corrected during the international phase of the application, and as reflected in International Publication No. WO 2005/008307 A3.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has entered a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, which requires election of one of the following species and claims:

Species A, drawn to claims 1-5, drawn to a protective housing for a fiber optic cable and cable junction box comprising: a channel defining a tortuous path for receiving and gripping said cable, and a void within said insert for retaining a cable junction box in communication with said cable;

Species B, drawn to claims 6-13, drawn to a housing for a cable junction box comprising: a space to receive a cable junction box and a second of said receptacles being arranged to receive at last one loop of cable within said interior space;

Species C, drawn to claims 14 and 15, drawn to a method of fabricating and installing within a surface a pre-assembled cable system comprising the steps of assembling at a remote location a system comprising: a trunk cable line, a plurality of branch cable lines extending at intervals from said trunk line.

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Provisional Election Without Traverse

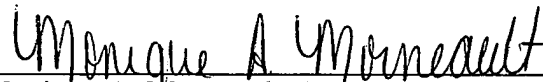
Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute Species B, Claims 6-13.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to conform all of the claims directed to the non-elected species to be in dependent from or to otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141, and have those claims examined in the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

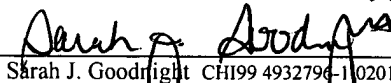
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